

DAVID'S RESPONSE TO SHIMEI

2 Samuel 19:14-23

2 Samuel 19:14-17 Response of David's men to Shimei. 10:21

2 Sam 19: 21... *Shall not Shimei be put to death*

2 Samuel 16:5-7 Shimei: throwing stones ... screaming and cursing ...

2 Samuel 16:8 God paying you back for murdering Saul and family (lie!)]

Taken his throne (lie!)]

God has given the throne to Absalom (lie!)]

... thou art a bloody man. pay back time, you murderer!

2 Samuel 16:9 *this dead dog ...*

Worthless, vile, disgusting, smelly, skinny, sometimes vicious.

Dead carcasses rot, decay and stink.

Common sight.

2 Samuel 16:10 *If God has told Shimei to curse me, then who am I to stop him?*

2 Samuel 16:11 My own son trying to kill me.

This man a relative of Saul--more reason to do so?

David trying to see things from Shimei's point of view.

Shimei--relative of Saul.

Believed David the reason for death of Saul, Jonathan, Abinadab, Ishbosheth ...

Warrior...tribe of Benjamin.

Blamed David for killing royalty in their tribe.

David says, *leave him alone. Maybe God has told him to curse me.*

2 Samuel 16:12 Maybe God will bless me because of this man's cursing.

2 Samuel 19:18 Shimei--Powerful chieftain

2 Samuel 19:19 *Please for give me!*

2 Samuel 19:20 *I have sinned.*

2 Samuel 19:21 *Abishai: David's nephew, son of David's sister, Zeruiah.*

Two brothers, Joab and Asahel.

Chief of David's second group of mighty men.

Hardened, fierce, extremely loyal man.

Motto: *If they makes an ugly face at you, kill em.*

2 Samuel 19:22 *Not a day for executions!*

Day for celebration!

2 Samuel 19:23 *Thou shalt not die. .*

David showed Shimei mercy.

David not condoning Shimei's cursing

God's own heart. 1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22 *...which shall fulfill all my will.*

Manifestation of man after God's own heart – heart of forgiveness:

Abishai's immediate response – kill

David's immediate response – forgive

One of marks of a mature believer--forgiveness.

One of the mars of immature believer – vengefulness or bitterness.

Mature believers--quick to forgive

Immature believers – quick to judge and retaliate.

Ephesians 4:32; Mark 11:25-26; Luke 23:34

Many forgive, but choose other options:

1. Conditional forgives.
2. Incomplete forgiveness.
3. Deferred forgiveness.

Swindoll: *Yet forgiveness isn't just about the other person; it's also about us. When we are unforgiving, it has a dramatic, downward effect on our own life....*

Process of bitterness:

Step one: the offense.

Step two: resentment

Step three: hatred.

Step four: thoughts of retaliation.

Step five: retaliation. Vengeance.

Think of **Shimei**, think of bitterness.

Hebrews 12:15 *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; inspect lives carefully for fear that might fall short of and be deficient in power and blessing of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you; lest any source or root of bitterness start to germinate and grow up in heart and soul. and thereby many be defiled; it will vex, disturb, and trouble you.*

Defiled (sullied, contaminated, stained, polluted ceremonially or morally)

Alexander Whyte: *a reptile of the royal house of Saul.*

Swindoll: *Shimei was your basic reprobate – the kind of person who kicks you while you're on your face, down and out. You're at the very ultimate, lowest pit and along comes a Shimei. Boom! Hits you below the belt. And when you squirm, he comes back with another blow.*

How David forgive?

1. David knew where Shimei was coming from
2. David had tender heart and thick skin.
3. David remembered his past. He knew his own failures

Shimei says three words that get David's attention: Notice **2 Samuel 19:20**

4. David verbalized forgiveness. **2 Samuel 19:23**